

August 2009 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Members and Guests

- Thanks BHY and Sheri Aiello for the meeting room, the donuts, the coffee and door prizes.
- Guests: Gary Nelson (Yamaha Stratoliner rider) we met at the Show-N-Shine.
- Members: 11

Chapter-

-Rider Safety

-Fire extinguisher, got to have one!

We retold the story of Dana and my vacation week from Hell one more time. The tale ends with Toni (our new, for us, '02 Pearl Orange 1800) bursting into flames at the State Rally. If it wasn't for someone else having a fire extinguisher, the whole bike might have burnt up. We had flares onboard, but no extinguisher. I went out and bought one for whatever bike we end up with next.

No cause yet, but it looks like the bike will be totaled. Local folks helped trailer the bike and camper back home for us, with chapter "P" folks helping with the loading and unloading. We are beholden to our Gold Wing family. Guess I'll need to put my shopping hat back on.

-Bad Gas

During our vacation we had some experience with bad gas. It really sounds like the clutch or transmission is coming apart as you pull away from a stop. A couple of tanks of gas fixed the problem, but not before we aborted our route and had our son come tow the trailer back from eastern Oregon.

-Rider/Co-rider Safety Program

Alex talked about the program and how the state will be focusing on getting more members enrolled and progressing in the program.

-News

Alex and Denise have moved from being the Oregon State Treasurers to being State Assistant Directors.

-Newsletter

-Need articles

We need articles, whether they are personal profiles or ride reports. The news letter is getting pretty thin.

-August Activities

-Ride for the Raptors

Short poker run, had several birds at signup and elk and a band at the end. The heat caused the promoters to cut the program short. Might be better next year!

-Oregon State Rally

Much better than last year! Better rides, better location, better weather, better turnout both overall and for our chapter. Next year is targeted for the Newport area on the first weekend in August.

-Weekend Rides

Cove Palisades-Sept 5-7 (Labor Day weekend)

- Make reservations soon. (Super 8 in Redmond, 541-548-8881)
- Cascade Range Riders (Chapter B) are looking forward to our visit.

-Upcoming Events

-Region A Rally-Sept 4-6

- Labor Day Weekend at the KOA next to Enchanted Forest by Salem
- Mike will be there on 4-wheels (doing the Grandpa thing) those that don't go to Central Oregon, come join me.

-Vancouver Star Chapter Show-N-Shine (Saturday, Sept 12th)

- We've been invited to have a booth at this event being held at Pro Caliber Motorsports on 4th Plain.
- Due to a recently scheduled State Staff Meeting in Eugene, Dave, Alex and I won't be available for this event. So unless someone else wants to take charge of it, we'll have to pass.

-Ride for the Paws (Sunday, Sept 13th)

- Starts at Wingman. This is our official Chapter Charity, so plan on being there to support. Dave and Doug planned out the ride and we'll need 4 folks for registration and 2 gofers at Wingman and 4 ice cream scoopers at the finish

-2010 yearly planning meeting (Sunday, Sept 20th)

- If you are interested in contributing, you're welcome to attend.
- Mike and Dana's house at 10:00 am. Looking for rides and breakfast locations! Send them to Mike or come to the meeting. If you would like to see some changes, let me know that, too.

-End of the Summer Chapter Picnic (Saturday, Sept 26th)

- After the meeting, we'll go to Bald Peak Park, same as last year...
- Chapter will spring for burgers and dogs, the rest is potluck.

State/Region/National-

-State

- 2010 State Rally- attentively scheduled for August 6-8 in Newport.

-Region A

- Rally-Sept 4-6
 - Labor Day Weekend at the KOA next to Enchanted Forest by Salem

-National

- Member questionnaire will be filled out before we leave so they can be sent in. Those that were there filled them out. I will send a soft copy out to everyone else.

Chapter Rides-

- September Breakfast Ride-
- Saturday, Sept 5th. Neufeldt's Restaurant, Aumsville, OR. (off Hwy 22 SE of Salem, on the way to Bend).

-Today's Ride

- Mt St. Helens

 - Windy Ridge (east side)-3:35 riding time one-way, some I-5, lunch in Woodland.

 - Johnston Ridge (west side)-3:39 riding time one-way, no I-5, lunch in Castle Rock.

The mountain was hidden that day, so some of us bounced between Hwy 30 and Skyline on some really twisty roads. Lunch was in Scappoose.

-Other Rides

- Star Chapter Monthly Ride (Sept 12th)-Chapter 407 Show & Shine at ProCaliber in Vancouver.

Door Prize and 50/50

- Door prize went to Vickie Bennie

- 50/50 (\$8) went to Mike Speer.